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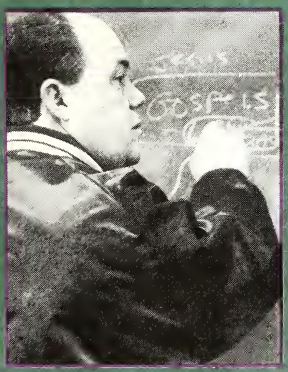

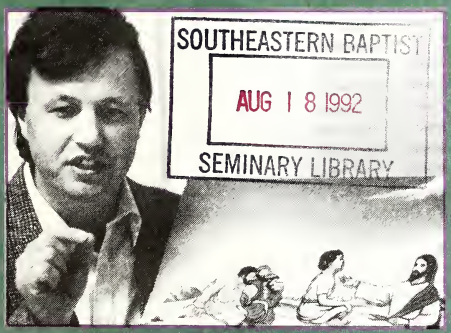

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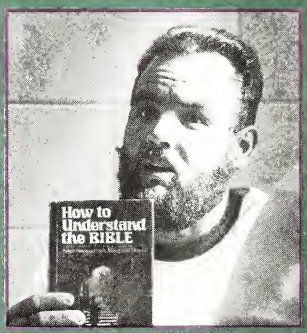

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

Week of Prayer, September 13-20, 1992

State Missions in North Carolina includes language ministries, migrant missions, work with the hearing and visually impaired, seminary extension, chaplaincy ministries, associational development, college scholarships military ministries, resort mission youth and campus, Brotherhood and WMU.

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Richard Brunson

From the Director

First, I want to say that I feel very blessed to have been asked to serve as director of North Carolina Baptist Men. Some of the very finest people in our state are involved in N.C. Baptist Men. Some of the most committed and talented people that I know are the men and women who are serving in the different ministries of N.C. Baptist Men. The real optimism that I have for our future comes from knowing many outstanding people who are serving Christ and their churches as Royal Ambassador Counselors, High School Baptist Young Men's Leaders, Baptist Men Presidents, Brotherhood Directors, or involved in one of the many ministries of N.C. Baptist Men. At our last N.C. Baptist Men's board meeting, Raiford Troutman, our president, asked me to share my vision for N.C. Baptist Men.

A big part of my vision for N.C. Baptist Men is tied closely to the biblical concept that all Christians are called, gifted and sent. This biblical concept has been the underlying driving force for N.C. Baptist Men for the past 10 years. This philosophy has led to the development of many of the ministries of N.C. Baptist Men.

I believe all Christians are called (to be the salt and the light, to minister to a lost and hurting world).

And all Christians are gifted, by God, with unique gifts and talents that are to be used in ministry.

And I believe that all Christians are sent out into the world to reconcile that lost and hurting world to Christ to be ministers, and to minister in Jesus' name.

My vision is that one day, Baptist Men all over our state, will be motivated and mobilized for missions. That Baptist Men will be utilizing their gifts to do missions in their communities, in their associations, across our state and around the world— wherever there are needs that can be met in Jesus' name by N.C. Baptist Men.

My vision of our task is that we will help equip Baptist Men to be effective Christians in the home, at church, in the community and around the world.

That's the vision, but the reality is that there are many men who when they walked down the aisle, were told to have a seat on the pew and they haven't moved since. The reality is that we have churches full of men who have never been told that they are called, gifted and sent. Men who have never been challenged to give of themselves—and of their talents, interests and abilities in ministry. The other reality is that we are faced with a crisis. We are facing unprecedented mission needs. For a variety of reasons, we have unprecedented local community mission needs—hopelessness, poverty, single parent families, unemployment, drug problems, broken homes and broken lives.

We have unprecedented needs across North Carolina— there is a greater need than ever for: RA's and High School Baptist Young Men, for agricultural missions, for combatting moral problems, for correctional ministries, disaster relief, construction projects, lay renewal and lay revivals, medical missions, overseas missions, resort and recreational missions and prayer support.

We have unprecedented needs in New York, in Jamaica, in Poland, in Brazil, in what was the Soviet Union, and in world A (those unreached people groups). The world's doors are wide open, more open than they have ever been.

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Men in Missions

On the Cover

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North Carolina Baptist Men Training Program Is 'In High Gear' for 1992

What if our future success in Brotherhood work depended on the training we did this year and last? It does! There is a definite relationship between training and future growth. Churches and associations that fail to train now will fail to grow in their work later.

The North Carolina Baptist Men's office will be offering a variety of training events for 1992. The N.C. Baptist Men's training program is ideally equipped to serve the churches and associations of our state through providing organization and leadership helps. Eighty-one trained statewide specialists work alongside the N.C. Baptist Men's staff in providing associational workshops each year in the areas of Brotherhood administration, Baptist Men, Baptist Young Men, High School Baptist Young Men, and Royal Ambassadors.

Local Church Brotherhood Leadership Training is scheduled for August 14-15 at the Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, N.C. This is the largest single training event of the year sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men. Separate conferences will be provided for (1) Lads and Crusaders; (2) Pioneer RA's; (3) High School Baptist Young Men; (4) Baptist Young Men/Baptist Men. This event begins at 5:30 pm Friday, and ends at noon on Saturday. Total cost is $35 per person (2 per room). This includes program fees, lodging and three meals. Make your reservations through the Baptist Men's office: PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512, or call 1-800-395-5102. A limited number of reservations are available.

This year, as every year, associations are encouraged to conduct an annual associational Brotherhood workshop. The workshops are conducted by trained statewide specialists as well as N.C. Baptist Men's staff members. Materials used in training are produced by national and state leadership specifically for this purpose. Training gives associational and church officers practical helps in developing missionary education programs and missions activities. This is accomplished through classroom study, classroom discussions, and group participation. Associational Brotherhood Directors or Directors of Missions may schedule an associational Brotherhood workshop by contacting the Baptist Men's office.

Training conveys to leadership and to men the spiritual aspect of Brotherhood work. As training leads men into witnessing and ministry activities, missions learning experiences, and missions support endeavors, its success is measured by the divine encounters that men have with God.

Charlotte, Lenior Baptist Men Conduct Mission Trip To Brazil

On April 3, 15 North Carolina Baptist Men, nine from University Hills Church in Charlotte and six from First Baptist Church in Lenoir, left Charlotte's Douglas Airport for a 10 day mission trip to Campinas, Brazil. The purpose of the trip was to work in cooperation with the Cambui Baptist Church of Campinas, in constructing the building for a new Baptist Mission.

This trip was a joint effort with the Texas Baptist Men in raising funds for the purchase of materials.

The Baptist Men from the University Hills Church were: Jack Benjamin, Troy Brown, Rev. Lenny Farmer, Duane Gallimore, Tommy Hodge, Ted Hunt, Hobart Smith, Tony Smith and Lewis Walker. The Baptist Men from First Baptist Church of Lenoir were: Bruce Cannon, Tom Pennell, Tom Davis, David Gray, Steve McCorkle and Charles Helms.

During the day, the men worked on the building suite. Scott Freeze, a missionary who is completing the language school, worked on the site with our men in the mornings before attending classes in the afternoons. Each day transportation was furnished to and from the hotel by the language school of the Foreign Mission Board. The weather was hot, but dry, enabling the group to accomplish more than anticipated. Bricks were laid from April 6-10.

In the evenings, everyone was invited into the homes of the members of the Cambui Church. On Wednesday evening, April 8, Dan and Joanne Hall, Southern Baptist missionaries, had the entire group for dinner. Jeff and Debbie Hammons, who are completing language school, had a group in their home for dinner. Jeff also served as an interpreter for the group. All the meals were superb. The fellowship was one of great joy in getting to know our Brazilian brothers and sisters.

Eduardo and Sophia Steibel were great hosts. They opened their church to testimonies from our men and preaching by our pastor.

The churches involved, First Baptist, Lenoir and University Hills Baptist, Charlotte, each helped with funding of the trip.

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Have You Ordered MANDATE?

If you are not receiving MANDATE, the every other month missions video magazine (tape), you should be. Now receive this video and at the end of the regular program you have an additional program on the latest NC Baptist Men's news. This video (with the Men in Missions update) is only $46 for six issues. It may be the best $46 you will spend for program helps each year. To subcribe to MANDATE contact the Communications Division, Baptist State Convention, PO Box 1107, Cary, N.C. 27512. You will receive a bill later and will automatically be placed on the list to receive this well produced and informative video on missions mailed to you every other month.

Polish Pastors Visit Associations, Churches, Colleges; Strengthen Partnership Project

Piotr Dajludzionek, Janusz Zwierzchowski, Wlodzimierz Swirydzuik — for two weeks in April and May, North Carolina Baptists have been attempting to pronounce these and some 20 other names of Polish Baptist pastors.

In a cultural and denominational partnership exchange, the pastors from congregations in east, north, south and west Poland visited churches in 21 of North Carolina's 80 associations during a three day tour of Baptist State Convention colleges, institutions, agencies and churches.

Included on the group's itinerary were the Baptist Children's Home (Mills Home), Thomasville; Wake Forest University; Caraway Conference Center; Royal Ambassador camp (Camp CaRAway); and Mundo Vista, the Girls-in-Action and Acteens camp. They also visited Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center and Billy Graham's library in Montreat.

In addition to these planned sites, associations and churches showed individual pastors Cameron Camp for boys, Southeastern Seminary, Christian bookstores, various Baptist street missions, hospital and prison ministries, a textile mill, a chicken farm and a variety of local attractions.

But the principle portion of their visit, hosted by the state Baptist Men's organization, was the opportunity to participate in North Carolina Baptist life in the 21 associations. Most of the pastors had the opportunity to speak in five or six churches as well as middle schools, high schools and colleges.

Among the associations which sponsored the Polish pastors were Buncombe, Cabarrus, Central, Chowan, Eastern, Elkin, Gaston, Green River, Mitchell, Montgomery, Raleigh, Robeson, South Fork, South Roanoke, South Yadkin, Theron-Rankin, Three Forks, Union, Yadkin and Yates. Skip Greene and Robert Stroup served as trip coordinators.

By visiting local churches, the Polish pastors got a chance to become familiar with the programs and ministries of North Carolina churches, explained Ryszard Gutkowski, general secretary of the Polish Baptist Union. He added that Polish Baptists would like to incorporate some of the organizational and administrative ideas in their approach to church planting and growth.

"My reason for coming was to share about the open door to different kinds of ministries in Poland," Marek Glodex remarked. "My impression is that I could learn how to love people, care and help them in practical ways through what you are doing."

Polish Pastors

"While I was here I began to feel like family," he intoned. "We shared deep personal things about our native lands and some barriers were broken."

"Sometimes in Poland we think we need so much help, but during our visit I have learned that we need to pray about your ministry to people, your problems and opportunities," he added. "God gave me an opportunity to get to know you better. As a result, a love for your people has developed and the Holy Spirit has moved upon my heart to pray for Baptists in North Carolina."

Feelings are mutual. Though North Carolina Baptists may have trouble with the pronunciation, the names now have meanings: They represent new "brothers and sisters in Christ."

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Mark White Named Pastor

Mark White, associate on North Carolina Baptist Men's staff for the past 18 months, is the new pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh. While serving on Baptist Men's staff, Mark was responsible for coordinating all associational workshops, revising and updating the Brotherhood Training Manual, developing the Baptist Men's Pilot Program and working to strengthen Baptist Men's programs in local churches.

We will miss Mark in Brotherhood work and we are grateful for him and the work that he did. We wish the very best for Mark as he seeks to lead Tabernacle Baptist Church to be the church that God wants it to be in downtown Raleigh. If you would like to drop Mark a note to wish him well, you may write to him at: Mark White, 1137 Turner Farm Road, Garner, NC 27529.

PROJECT BROTHERHOOD

The State Lottery: Why Not Let the People Decide?

Editors Note: As this issue goes to press the General Assembly is approaching adjourment without passing a lottery.

When the North Carolina General Assembly reconvened this summer, the state budget was at the top of the agenda.

Appropriations Committees have been told that they will have only about $150 million to allocate as they fine tune the 92-93 budget. Most of that will go for required spending increases and small pay raises for teachers and other state employees.

Faced with the need for money, legislators are finding the proposed state lottery to be more attractive. Supporters promise that the lottery will add $150–200 million annually to the state's income. Some supporters are again pushing the referendum angle on the lottery. "Let the people decide," they say.

Senate Bill 2, which passed the Senate last year and can be considered in the House this summer, calls for a binding statewide referendum on the lottery question. Supporters are asking lottery opponents to "let the people decide." Some incumbents are being challenged by candidates who are asking the incumbents why they don't trust the people enough to put the lottery on the ballot.

This argument has a certain patriotic, democratic ring to it. What could be more fitting in a democracy than to "let the people decide?"

What this argument fails to consider is that we are a representative democracy, not a pure democracy. We elect representatives and send them to the General Assembly to represent us. We pay them to study the issues carefully, to listen to supporters and opponents of proposed laws, and to make tough decisions. That is the job of a legislator; those who are unwilling or unable to study issues and make hard decisions probably ought not to consider themselves qualified for the job of representative.

The General Assembly routinely deals with expensive issues, with controversial issues, with issues that affect all North Carolinians, with issues that determine the direction of the state for decades to come. There has been no clamoring among legislators to "let the people decide" about any of these major matters. Why should the lottery be different?

Why should the General Assembly vote down a lottery even in the face of budget needs? The reasons are the ones many Baptists have been offering for years:

Lotteries prey most on the state's poorest people, who are most vulnerable to false promises of quick riches and who are least able to afford the money they will lose in lotteries. National gambling officials now concede that lotteries are regressive (they take a great proportion of the poor's income), but now ask what's wrong with that.

Lotteries make worse the plight of compulsive gamblers. Gamblers Anonymous estimates that there are at least seven million of these addicts nationwide. Lotteries make the object of the addiction as convenient as the checkout line in the grocery store. That's like making an alcoholic go through a cafeteria line which includes mixed drinks and wine along with the iced tea, milk, and coffee.

Lotteries send mixed signals about gambling. States with lotteries continue to make it a crime for individuals to operate or play numbers games. So the state is pouring millions of dollars into advertising for an activity which, if done by private enterprise, remains criminal.

Lotteries are a terribly inefficient way for the state to raise money. Under Senate Bill 2, the state would keep only 34 percent of the money taken in. Fifty percent is paid out as prizes, and 16 percent goes for operating expenses (including advertising, running the lottery bureaucracy, buying lottery equipment and tickets and paying a commission to stores selling tickets). By comparison, it only costs a penny or so to collect a dollar of tax revenue.

Lotteries are an irresponsible and unreliable way of raising state revenues. If state programs are worth supporting, they should be worth paying for through a fair tax system. What justification could there be for foisting this civic responsibility off on those too gullible, too vulnerable, or too addicted to resist the false promises offered by state lotteries?

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DISASTER RELIEF

1992 Schedule Announced

The Disaster Relief Unit is now available for "show and tell" on a regional scheduling. Here is the 1992 scheduling calendar by Region.

April — Region 10 (open)
May — Region 2
June — Region 1
July — Open Maintenance (Regions 4/2)
Aug — Region 3
Sept. — Region 9/8
Oct — Region 5
* Nov — Region 6
* Dec — Region 9/8

* Dates/months that the unit is winterized and no water is used. Feeding should be done locally with the team serving but not using inside water.

The disaster unit master calendar is kept in the Baptist Men's Office in Cary. No engagement is confirmed until the Disaster Relief Van Usage Request Form is returned to North Carolina Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512. When this form is returned and a driver is secured then that engagement will be placed on the master calendar. Engagements will not be confirmed over the phone. When churches and associations call North Carolina Baptist Men's Office to request the unit they will be referred to the regional team captain of their region or the closest region with a team. It will be up to them to contact that regional team captain and make sure that the date they have in mind is good for the team captain and his driver. They will then return the usage request form to Baptist Men's office for confirmation within one week.

We ask that engagements "show and tells" be planned when the unit is in your region.

I am grateful to our Training Leadership Team, Mark White, and all our participants who made our state training event at Caraway the meaningful time that it was.

Any region that requests training for a team in a local region for state certification may do so by contacting our Training Coordinator, Mike Anders, 1130 Par Three Drive, Wilson, NC 27893, or phone him at home at 919–291–6506. A minimum of a full

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PRAYER SUPPORT

Churches Must Become Teaching Centers for Prayer Groups

I have been amazed during the past four years by what I have learned from leading prayer seminars about the feeble effort given in our churches to teach people to pray.

Somewhere in the history of the church we come to assume that when a person gets saved he/she automatically knows the Bible from cover to cover; understands all the Baptist doctrines we hold dear; and has the handle on how to pray. We give very little time in teaching our new members (and our own children) how to become prayer warriors in relating to God. I usually ask the people attending the prayer retreats "how many of you had some one to take time to teach you how to pray when you accepted Christ as your Savior?" It is very shocking to see two or three people, out of a group of 50 to 75 people, raise their hands.

I believe one of the greatest ministries we can have in the local church is to incorporate many small prayer groups where people can learn to pray together. We need to teach our people the meaning of prayer which is so simple. Prayer is simply talking with God; worshiping God; "fellowshiping" with God; getting to know God; expressing our love for God; tapping into the resource of God's power through prayer; overcoming Satan through prayer; and receiving salvation through the prayer of repentance.

Most people attending prayer seminars will admit that they pray less than 10 minutes a day. The two basic reasons for not having an extended time alone with God is not understanding the importance of prayer or making preparation to pray. I use the ACTS formula for prayer as taught in MasterLife: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication for others and self. Under the topic of supplication I have the people make a list of lost people, sick people, people with problems, missionaries, church leaders, government leaders, along with their personal needs. Then they are sent alone to pray for 30 minutes to one hour for the people on their list.

Most of the participants return rejoicing that they were actually in God's presence for an extended time. Most did not complete their prayer list. Always several people will write weeks after the conference excitedly sharing what their new prayer life is meaning to them.

The world needs praying Christians. God's church needs praying Christians. Christians are wanting to learn how to pray but do not know where to begin. One of the greatest things a pastor can do for his members and for the strengthening of the church's work is to teach them how to pray by example and by education. As Jack Taylor says "the spiritual life of the church will not rise any higher than the prayer life of it's members."

I encourage all pastors, in this coming year, to renew the teaching of prayer to the old and young alike. I challenge every pastor to begin prayer cells within the church and community. It is time for us to become once again a praying people.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

North Carolina Volunteers Serve in Africa, Carribean, Brazil, Poland and Russia

Exciting things continue to happen as volunteers from North Carolina continue to find themselves serving on the foreign mission field. Thanks for your support in these endeavors. As laypersons, we can truly enjoy the fruits of time spent on the mission field, but the joy of praying for someone there, and the sacrifices made at home cannot go unrewarded, thanks so much.

This past February and March have seen North Carolinians in Zambia, Jamaica and Antigua. In Livingstone, Zambia, a house was built for missionaries Joe and Gloria Turman. The work included the erecting of an eight foot high chain link fence around the property the house sets on. The house is constructed of masonry walls of which the team helped to build. Also roof trusses were built and put into place, with the roof put on in short time. Kitchen cabinets were built and ready to be installed when the house is ready for occupancy. Walter and Jacqulyn Ford of North Carolina are serving there as construction engineers for Eastern and Southern Africa.

In Duncans, Jamaica work continued where we left off after hurricane Gilbert left this island nation in a sad state of repair in 1989. At the conference center, where most of the work was done, seven classrooms were added to this facility. Also repair work was done on nearby churches. In Antigua a mission home was built and work on a church was done.

Last April, volunteers from North Carolina went back to Poland to continue our partnership there with the Polish Baptists. Work continued on the seminary at Radosc. More volunteers are needed this summer to help in this

project just outside of Warsaw. In May will a team went to Bialystok to remodel rooms at a rest home. These rooms will be used for a medical-dental clinic to minister to those in the rest home. Pray for these Polish projects as these folks are in much need of our prayers.

The San Paulo project is under way with many going there in service of our Lord. Projects separate from this have sprung up and people from North Carolina have answered the call to help others. A team is there now, in Northern Brazil, helping construct a church. One never knows how many doors will be opened till we go there and see how the Lord can use each of us.

Project Brotherhood will see a team from North Carolina going to Moscow to help distribute food. This is the cooperative response of the Baptist World Alliance and the Brotherhood Commission to send food and help meet medical needs in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Teams from all over the country have been going since early April till the end of July. Many doors of service are opening in Eastern Europe. Many people are needing the Love of Jesus Christ to help heal wounds that have been there for generations. Christians that have been underground need help in ministering to those that have suffered for so long.

Many gifts and talents are needed all over the world. Each of us has such a gift. All we have to do is turn our lives over to Christ and let Him be Lord of our lives. Our place of service and our gifts will soon be put to use.

Be much in prayer for these teams as they prepare to serve our Lord on the foreign fields. Nothing is easy about being separated from family and friends, but nothing can separate us from the Love of Jesus Christ, and that is why we serve our Lord, to share that love.

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Week of prayer for State Missions Sept. 13–20, 1992

Goal: $1,800,000

AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

How Can We 'Feed The World?'

The challenge for the world to feed itself is overwhelming. Pressures of a growing population on limited natural resources have created a worldwide threat to food production. This article describes briefly some of the elements of the global dilemma and its impact on agricultural missions.

The world's population passed five billion in 1987 and continues to rise. An increase of over 800 million occurred during the 1980's and an increase of almost one billion is projected during the 1990's. Even though the average number of births per woman is declining in most countries, the excess of births over deaths means that world population is not yet approaching stability.

Most of the growth is occurring in developing countries. Rapid population growth in these countries has created populations in which young people predominate. In Africa, for example, over 45 percent of the population is under 15 years of age. As these young people begin to bear children, additional population growth is virtually certain. This demographic momentum makes it more difficult to stabilize populations. It also means that stresses on natural resources and food supplies and the demand for jobs are likely to intensify in the next few decades.

Life on earth depends directly on the soil and water. Yet the earth's soils are being eroded away, rendered sterile, and exhausted of their ability to produce food and fiber. By some estimates, 10 percent of the land surface of the planet has been transformed by human activities from forest and rangeland into desert. As much as 25 percent more is at risk. Cropland is already scarce in much of the developing world. It is getting scarcer as urban areas expand and people abandon rural areas and move to the cities. A country is often described as "land scarce" when more than 70 percent of the potentially arable land is under cultivation. In Asia, an estimated 82 percent of all potential cropland is already in production.

Most areas of potential expansion for agriculture either lack water or have physical or chemical constraints such as steep slopes, easily eroded or poorly drained soils, acidity, or other conditions unsuitable for crop production. New agricultural lands often prove illusory, as evidenced by the failure of an estimated 20 percent of new ranches in the Amazon within a few years. The loss of existing agricultural land through erosion is estimated at 15-20 million acres per year. All too often, expansion into new and marginal agricultural land is, out of basic necessity, led by those least able to overcome its difficulties or to farm it in a sustainable manner.

Most of the world needs help to provide people the basic physical necessities of life, namely, food and water. Spiritual needs are also great. What is our attitude in the face of this rather bleak outlook? It is easy to throw up our hands and say we cannot do anything about it. But we can do something. The agricultural missionary is especially qualified to address both of these aspects of life. We need to undergird our ag missionaries with the various kinds of support they need. One of the major goals of the Agricultural Missions Ministry is to do just that. Your thoughts, prayers, and participation are needed, and welcomed.

Demonstration Farm News

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Gene Hickman, Sr. as manager of the Demonstration Farm, effective May 1. Hickman brings with him an extensive farm experience and a deep sense of Christian commitment. His acceptance of the position is truly an answer to prayer. We are excited about the future of the farm and its vital importance to our overall Ag Missions Ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickman are in the process of moving to the farm. They are the parents of Gene Hickman, Jr., who served effectively as farm manager several years ago. We are pleased to see this generational continuity, we feel that it will be beneficial to us as well as being satisfying to them.

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LAY REVIVALS

Lay Witness Foundation To Meet August 21–22

For almost 40 years Baptist Men in North Carolina have been involved in conducting and coordinating Lay Witness week-end revivals not only in North Carolina, but in most sates in the Southern Baptist Convention as well as several countries overseas, namely: Australia, Korea, England, and Europe. Through the years this concept has grown tremendously. Several states have organized Lay Witness/Evangelism fellowships and still other states have coordinators and teams of men doing the job. Last year (1991) Baptist Men in nine states reported 181 Lay Witness Revivals or Lay Evangelism week-ends involving over 2374 team members, all volunteers.

Since 1958, the Baptist Lay Witness Foundation (for most of those years a vital part of North Carolina Baptist Men) has held Annual Meetings and has been the fore-runner and catalyst of Lay Witness Revivals/ Evangelism Fellowships in other states and foreign countries. To God be the glory!

The annual meeting of the Baptist Lay Witness Foundation, now a part of North Carolina Baptist Men, will be held on Friday evening and Saturday morning, August 21-22, at the Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro. Registration will begin Friday afternoon at 4:30, supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 and the program will begin at 7:00.

This conference is for all men, women, and youth involved or interested in becoming involved in Lay Witnessing/Lay Evangelism. Challenging and inspirational messages will be shared by Kenneth Ridings, pastor, evangelist, Bible teacher, member Foreign Mission Board, respected leader in our state; and Alan Cox, pastor, Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Asheville. Special music will be provided by New Image Ministries, Greg and Marsha Boone, music evangelists of Charlotte. The program will also feature inspirational testimonies by lay persons.

The cost of the conferences, based on double occupancy is $33 per person. This includes lodging, meals, and use fee. For commuters, the cost is $2 use fee plus meals: Breakfast - $2.75; Lunch - $5.25; Supper - $5.75.

To make reservations, please send the entire amount with names and addresses to:

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LAY RENEWAL

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Bridging the Language Gap

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It is almost impossible to detect the difference between the worlds of those who cannot read, write or speak English and those who can.

In North Carolina alone, there are nearly one and a half million Americans and internationals who are not functionally literate in the English language, according to Bill Hern.

Hern, who has been involved in literacy promotion with the Baptist State Convention for 10 years, says "1.2 million of these are unchurched and 795,000 do not have any knowledge of the salvation message."

Baptists across the state are bridging the language chasm as well as the spiritual gap by conducting literacy classes. Reaching out, they instruct in English as well as salvation.

Hern is currently part-time field coordinator for literacy missions. According to him, two groups of people are targeted for the courses: non-reading Americans and internationals.

There are currently 25 conversational English programs for internationals and 20 programs for adult non-readers in churches scattered from Wilmington to Asheville. Each program will include several classes and teachers.

International children learn English at Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Neal Peyton, director of the Department of Special Ministries, Division of Missions, Baptist State Convention, says, "This ministry is so important. It meets people at their point of need—to learn to read and write English. In turn, we share Jesus with them."

The Baptist State Convention helps by providing tutor trainers for literacy conferences. These conferences have a ripple effect across the state. In 1991, tutor trainers were enlisted for 15 workshops for teaching adult non-readers with 205 tutors receiving their diplomas. Also tutor trainers were enlisted for six conversational English workshops to teach internationals with 82 tutors receiving diplomas.

In Raleigh, a cultural mecca has been established because of the allure of the many universities. Forest Hills Baptist Church is actively involved in an extensive program to reach internationals. Weekly English classes are held for internationals including Koreans, Chinese, Japanese, Central and South Americans and East Europeans.

Besides language classes, Forest Hills offers a weekly Chinese Bible study and sponsors an African Baptist Mission. Dee Froeber, minister to internationals at Forest Hills, says these three ministries are the backbone of his work.

Froeber estimates about 50 volunteers are involved in various aspects of outreach to internationals. "The ministry is strongly lay-led," he says. "It is hard work. People have to have a sense of calling to do it."

For the language classes, Forest Hills offers 30 hours of training a year for those wanting to teach. Classes are held Wednesday night and Sunday morning.

"On Wednesdays," says Froeber, "we don't deal with Christianity except as a part of mainstream American culture. This serves the needs of people who won't come on a Sunday morning but will come on a Wednesday night—at least initially. It gives us a chance to reach them, an opportunity we otherwise would not have."

Froeber encourages teachers to establish personal relationships with students. "If they are open with students, students open up themselves," he says.

"We are making friends for Christ," says Froeber. "We hope it will eventually lead to disciples for Christ. We never push them—we don't have to. They come to us."

This non-forceful approach has earned approval from other teaching institutions. "Because of this we are well respected by many of the universities and secular offices in Raleigh. We are called upon by them if there is a need."

For example, someone from the school will call and say, "There is a student's wife that is suicidal. Can you get involved?" or "Can you provide housing for a week?" Froeber says,

WHAT YOU CAN DO

For help with starting a literacy program in your community contact: Neal Peyton, Division of Missions, 1-800-395-5102.

"They know we are a religious organization with religious ends, but realize we are ethical about how we conduct ourselves religiously."

Froeber estimates 85 percent of the internationals Forest Hills ministers to are students at the universities. Most of them are in graduate school and will return home in two years. "We get letters years later that say, 'I just wanted you to know I became a Christian,'" says Froeber.

Other letters thank Forest Hills for making their lives a little easier while away from home. "Many say that the ministry at Forest Hills was the most positive experience they had while living in the U.S.," says Froeber. "I consider that evangelism in the best sense of the word—being and speaking the Good News."

Benevolence is a major part of Forest Hills' ministry to internationals, along with teaching them English. Volunteers take them to the immigration office, to get drivers' licenses or to get electricity turned on.

Attempting to meet their social needs, Froeber plans trips internationals can afford as a family. They travel to places like Tryon Palace, Old Salem or a farm in the country.

"This gives the family an opportunity to be together," says Froeber. "We take this seriously. I call it wholistic ministry."

Froeber feels conversational English is just one aspect of ministering to internationals. "If people are unchurched entirely, we need to be serious about meeting their needs—mentally, socially and linguistically. That is all part of evangelism," he says.

On a smaller scale, South Roanoke Association is in the early stages of constructing a literacy bridge to reach internationals in the eastern part of the state. Alice Lennartz, church and community ministries director, is a tutor/trainer of literacy classes.

"Literacy is blossoming in South Roanoke," she says. "We realize we are in the toddler stages. But we are growing. We've increased our classes to Hispanics and have added Chinese and Japanese students.

"We need more people to help our literacy program grow and expand. We need more tutor/trainers."

She feels literacy missions is a vital ministry. "Literacy meets peoples' immediate needs—to survive, function and grow in another culture," she says. "It is a perfect opportunity for Christian witness in lifestyle and opens door for verbal witness.

"It is a long-term project," she says. "It is better to have 10 people who are committed than to have a lot more that are only half-way committed."

Realizing some are uneasy about ministering to those of a different culture, she says, "The people you are trying to reach are just as apprehensive as you are of them," she says. "Literacy is a bridge that crosses the gap to reach people."

English language classes "break down cultural barriers and relationships start to build," she says. "The apprehensiveness starts to fade and you begin to love people better."

Lennartz uses the Home Mission Board's method of teaching English through the book of Mark. "Going into the English Bible gives a stronger focus," she says. "I'm excited about teaching the Home Mission Board material. It not only teaches English, but concepts from the Bible as well."

Striving to meet social and spiritual needs, Lennartz says, "We are not just teaching English—we are feeding them God's Word. Instead of teaching them 'Johnny catches the ball,' we are teaching them 'Jesus is the Lord.'"

Through literacy missions, students learn that English is the bridge to communication as Christ is the bridge to salvation.

Luz Frye teaches English with symbols at Forest Hills Baptist Church.

'From Inmates to Servants for the Lord'

While serving time, some prison inmates train to serve God. Armed through seminary extension courses, they become equipped as soldiers for the Lord.

Countless inmates dedicate their lives to Christ while incarcerated. In North Carolina, Seminary Extension offers an avenue to study theology and Biblical concepts without leaving the prison walls. As a result, many students seek full-time ministry when discharged. Students with longer sentence terms search for ways of ministering while in prison.

Dr. Corbin Cooper, director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries and Seminary Extension, Division of Missions, Baptist State Convention says, "So many ministries come out of this. There is no way we could measure all the lives being affected."

By way of State Missions funds, the Baptist State Convention provides scholarships to those in jail.

In the state of North Carolina, 20,000 inmates comprise 86 prison units. Thirty-three units offer seminary extension courses to students by way of class study or independent study.

The opportunity for seminary extension courses to be offered in prison grew from a single inmate's desire to study the Bible by correspondence while serving time. The idea took root and blossomed.

A letter to Dr. Cooper in 1979 resulted in the first course. By the end of the year, 53 courses were requested by inmates who heard of the classes by word of mouth. As of 1991, 4,303 individual seminary extension courses have been taken. This, however, does not reflect the number of inmates taking courses, as some enroll in more than one.

"We had no idea it would grow into what it is today," says Dr. Cooper. In fact, because there are so many requests, the program is being threatened by lack of funds. "We are totally dependent on State Missions funds," he says. "I never dreamed it would be this big, but I'm fearful for the future. The figures blow our minds. This was a record year—it wiped us out."

The cost of one course is approximately $50. Through State Missions funds, 649 courses were offered last year. "This is cheap for a college level course," says Dr. Cooper. "We didn't know it would grow as fast as it did. We have never pushed this program. The inmates have a grapevine of their own."

Those requesting courses are carefully screened. A local pastor or prison chaplain evaluates the inmate's sincerity. "We don't just give it to them if they ask for it," says Dr. Cooper. "By screening them, we have more students stay with it. It's not for everybody." A volunteer must be designated to receive course materials for the inmate, present them to him and encourage him to continue the course.

"We are the largest state-wide program of its kind," says Dr. Cooper. "I don't know of another program that offers the same intensity and quality to the inmates. It is above average compared to the typical type of Bible study."

No religious stipulations are asked of those who enroll. The courses bring inmates to the Lord, as well as help others along their spiritual journey.

Dr. Richard Crapps, director of missions of South Roanoke Association, has taught seminary extension courses at Eastern Correctional Institution in Maury for eight years. "This is a very, very exciting ministry," he says. "I have seen men accept the Lord as their Savior as well as accept calls to the ministry. Two of the men from this program are licensed by churches to serve as ministers."

Richard Crapps teaches Seminary Extension courses to inmates.

He enjoys seeing results in the classes. "You are working with the worst kind of individual there is and you listen to their heartbreaking stories," he says. "As the classes progress, he says, "You begin to see definite changes in their attitude and purpose."

Seminary extension courses help inmates understand what God wants for them, according to Dr. Crapps. "It gives them a sense of purpose for what their life is about," he says. "I teach them to understand their faith, share their faith and grow in their faith."

Dr. Crapps has seen results beyond the barbed-wired prison walls. Now, in his association, "people in the church are far more conscientious of prison ministry," he says. "They give gift boxes to prisoners every Christmas and send seasonal and birthday cards. Some churches' WMUs schedule

WHAT YOU CAN DO

You can take courses through a seminary extension center near you.
Contact: Corbin Cooper, Division of Missions, 1-800-395-5102.

afternoon activities for children whose parents are visiting."

Working to break through hardened hearts, Dr. Crapps feels 20 percent of men are not Christians when the classes begin. "Each time I go in and teach it is a real challenge," he says. "They are hostile in the beginning. They don't know your purpose. They feel more comfortable when they begin to understand you are there to help them."

In some cases, graduates have even ministered to the homeless, worked with rescue missions and served as associate pastors of churches. One church even elected an inmate as an associate pastor while he was still serving time.

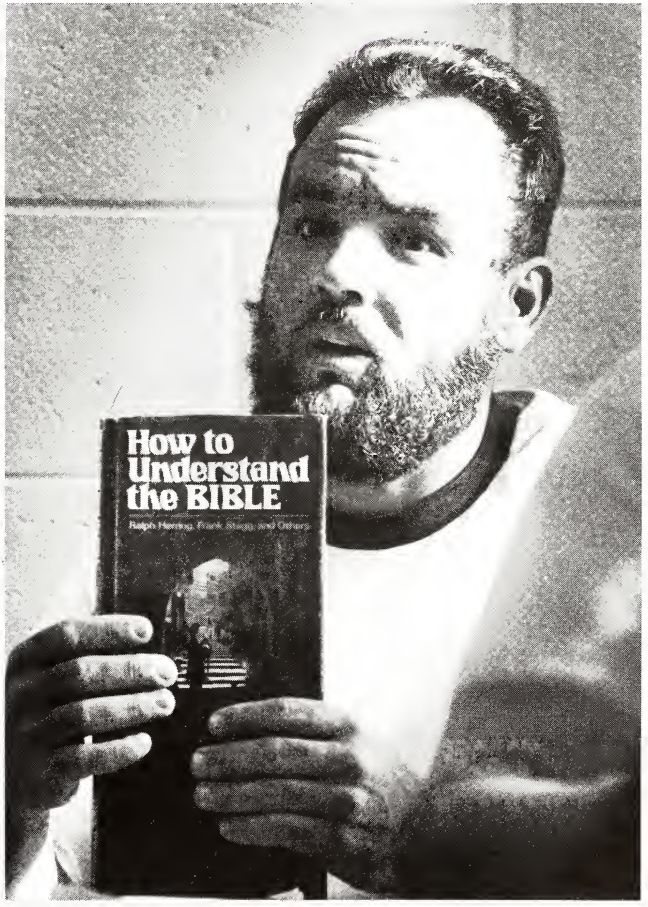
At Maury prison, Thomas Garvin spends his sentence planning a Christian shelter for released inmates to stay until they get on their feet. The seminary courses turned his life around. "This program is my way of restructuring my life and regaining what I had lost. It helps me understand the things I'm most afraid of," he says. "I'm making sure that when I leave here I have a strong basis to help the church. The greatest thing that ever happened to me is to get a chance to really look at my life. I finally learned I can't do it all by myself."

Donald Shubert is 31 years old and faces up to 100 years of imprisonment. "You don't wake up with a smile on your face when you have that many years," he says. "I didn't see much hope. I was going to lay up in my cell and sleep my time away. But I started taking these classes and I got interested in getting my GED. I don't feel condemned. I made a mistake and I trust God."

Darrell Allen rededicated his life to the Lord because of the courses. "It makes you feel good that there is someone on the outside with a heart that cares and doesn't mind spending the money for the classes," he says. Allen faces 35 years and hopes to get out sooner. "I got a chance," he says. "I don't want to leave the same way I came in.

"If I can learn something in here, maybe when I get out I can inspire someone to make the right choice—not to screw up like I did. God didn't put me here, I put myself here. I lost several years of my life. I have a chance to go back out. I just hope I can explain what I did was wrong and God forgave me. I can only ask for forgiveness."

By investing in seminary extension courses through State Missions funds, Baptists are taking stock in the lives of inmates.



Darrell Allen at Eastern Correctional Institution.

Religious Refugees Begin Romanian Church

As refugees around the world harbor to the Land of the Free, seeking political, economical or religious asylum, foreign ministry migrates to the local church's back door.

Religious persecution under the recently fallen communist regime drove many Christians to escape Eastern Europe. One Romanian family settled near Hickory, NC. A Romanian community soon evolved, many of them transplants from Romanian Baptist churches.

Florin Pindic-Blaj teaches children at the Romanian Church in Hickory.

Three and a half years ago, Mountain View Baptist Church in Hickory realized the Romanians' need to have a place to worship in their mother language.

With the help of the Baptist State Convention through State Missions funds, the first Eastern European congregation in North Carolina was established. Mountain View provided space for Sunday School and worship.

Support to the Romanians had a ripple effect that has not slowed down. In two years the mission grew and prospered, becoming self-supporting. They now contribute 80 percent of their offering to missions both in the United States and overseas.

Marion Powell, pastor of Mountain View, believes the strength of a church is mission outreach. Besides the Romanian congregation, Mountain View also supports a deaf mission.

Believing outreach ministry to be a two-way street, Powell says the Romanians have benefitted from the relationship as well as his own congregation. "Sponsoring a group like the Romanians helps them to focus in on the great commission and to be missionaries themselves," he says.

The congregations worship together four to six times a year. "Music is taught in the home there [Romania]," says Powell. "Many have sung in the opera or play musical instruments. So it is a blessing when they come to the English-speaking service to share with us." One member, Danielle Blaj, is an opera star in Austria, Romania and Italy.

"About once a month, I go and help with the service there," says Powell. "Though most of theme can understand limited English, the pastor, Dr. Livius Percy, translates."

Last November, Mountain View's growing congregation moved into a new sanctuary. The Romanian church now worships in the old one.

Sunday mornings, men sit on one side of the church, women on the other. Older, more traditional women wear hats or wrap brightly colored scarves around their heads. On average, fifty to sixty people come to worship each week.

The Romanian pastor, Dr. Livius Percy, is a chemist in Charlotte. He and his wife left Romania in 1981, when communism was at its peak of power.

Christians in Romania would not be promoted, no matter how hard they worked. "You knew when you become a Christian, you can't go above the 'glass ceiling,'" Dr. Percy says. "This is something accepted." People realized, he says, "This is the price I have to pay for following Christ and it is worth it."

But Dr. Percy also believes persecution has a positive side. "It weeded out those who were not fully committed to Christ," he says. "False Christians won't risk their future when they are threatened. They would rather give up Christ than give up a good position in society."

The Communist government allowed for a limited church by permitting churches to hold services once a week on Sundays. Many times schools would schedule activities on Sundays. Children who did not attend would have to tell why the next day. If they said they went to church, the whole school would be gathered to mock and make a public spectacle of the child.

Percy feels this is good experience, having lived through it himself. "It forces you to evaluate your life and your faith," he says. "When you go through that, you have to be certain what you believe. If you don't, it's not worth it."

With persecution, he says, "people get tested. That is why the church has flourished in times of trial. With all the freedom now in Romania, the country is amidst a revival. Where the persecution is the hardest, the revival is the

WHAT YOU CAN DO

To begin work with an ethnic group in your community, contact: Burke Holland, Division of Missions, 1-800-395-5102.

strongest. People are committing their lives to Christ by the thousands."

Dr. Percy went back to his homeland for the first "free" Easter after the revolution. "The churches were overflowing," he says. "It was very touching. When the plane landed in the airport, I heard Christian songs on the P.A. system. It was unbelievable.

"It opens doors very wide for the gospel, but at the same time, opens doors for every other ideology," he says. There are a quarter of a million Baptists in Romania, but other religious are racing through the open doors including Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses and mystics. "A spiritual vacuum was created by communism," says Dr. Percy. "People now try to fill that void with something and for some, it is the first teaching they get."

At age 18, Dr. Percy became a Christian. When he left Romania, he moved to Chicago to attend graduate school. He was unable to attend graduate school back home because of his faith. Living in Chicago seven years, he was actively involved in Romanian church work.

Three years ago, he accepted his current research job and moved his wife and daughter to Charlotte. Hearing of a new church in Hickory, they decided to attend even though it was an hour drive from their home.

The mission lost its pastor soon after the Percys began attending. Eventually, the church asked Dr. Percy to become ordained as pastor. "It was a bit of a struggle," he says. "But I prayed and had assurance." In January of 1990, Dr. Percy was ordained.

He feels the Romanian church and Mountain View have the same mission. "We have the same Lord and it's wonderful to see the fellowship that we have," he says. "It's wonderful to be able, wherever you go, to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ . It's also wonderful to focus on mission opportunities that we have both abroad and here.

"It is vital for ethnic churches to be involved in the American community and for the American churches to look at the ethnic churches and keep them aflame for Christ."

One member of the Romanian congregation is involved in full-time mission work reaching children of Romania for Christ. Nine years ago, while still in Romania, Florin Pindic-Blaj began an underground ministry called the Little Samaritan Mission. It supports missionaries to children in Romania, Republic Moldovia and Siberia.

Along with his wife and daughter, who both sing, they travel to Russia and Romania visiting orphanages and public shcools, bringing children Bibles, socks, candy and the Good News.

Little Samaritan Mission also has radio programs for children broadcast throughout Romania and the Soviet Union. The programs are broadcast over the same radios installed in every home, used not long ago for the purpose of promoting communism. The mission also gets Christian books for children and bibles printed in Russian and Romanian.

"There are hundreds of children that are like a dry sponge, ready to absorb," says Pindic-Blaj. "But they have no place to go to church, no training, no materials, no teachers."

Many buildings in Eastern Europe have a room that was dedicated to Lenin, used only to promote communism. In some of those rooms today, children's Sunday School classes are now held. He recalls a symbolic victory where, in one of those rooms, Lenin's dominating picture was replaced with one of Jesus Christ.

The mission works to reach this new communist-free generation before other influences persuade them. "We want to get them before vodka and pornography," Pindic-Blaj says. "We want to give them a Bible or a Christian book to compare."

Ripples created by State Missions funds flood over oceans, touching lives around the world, as well as encompassing lives just beyond Mountain View's back door.

Lidiana Pindic-Blaj, wife of Florin, sings in Church.

BAPTIST COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Students Benefit From State Missions Offering

Crystal Timmons was only 16 when she lost her father. As the daughter of a single parent, she realized she needed financial assistance to attend college.

Through the aid of Baptists dollars, Crystal is now a senior at Gardner-Webb College. Majoring in religious education, she hopes to reach others through her schooling. "As early as my junior year in high school, I knew I was supposed to be in religious education," she says. "My youth pastor was a big influence on my life and I wanted to be that same type of influence on others."

When she graduates, Crystal hopes to work with youth at a church either in or near North Carolina. For two summers she worked as youth director at her home church, Grace Baptist in Charlotte, leading in Bible study, music and worship.

Crystal feels her major can open doors beyond reaching youth. "I think it would help as a missionary, in doing home missions or as a religious educator in a church," she says. She hopes to attend seminary someday, but not right away.

At Gardner-Webb, Crystal is involved in several ministry projects. She currently has an internship with Gardner-Webb's campus minister and is helping him form a campus worship committee.

As a member of the Gardner-Webb College Fellowship of Christians United in Service (FOCUS) team, she went to Bolivia during spring break last year.

Photo by Pam Sharts

Crystal Timmons, left, student at Gardner-Webb College hopes to serve in religious education after graduation.

While in Bolivia, Crystal participated in a clown ministry in the parks. With only one or two interpreters for the group, Crystal says the team often relied on Bolivian children who spoke some English to help. The team handed out flyers with the Plan of Salvation printed in English on one side, in Spanish on the other.

Ministry is as familiar to Crystal as a daily habit. She enjoys one-on-one interaction but says, "I love the energy that comes from groups."

One of her favorite groups she ministers through is a trio she currently sings with. Besides Crystal, Highest Call is comprised of Gardner-Webb student, Debbie Langston and director of alumni relations, Mickey Sharpe. "It is one of the most wonderful things that has happened to me in years," Crystal says. "It is really special how God put us together."

All three are planning to participate in separate mission trips soon. Love offerings and donations received from appearances will help with the cost of the trips.

For Bill and Nancy Nelson, studying is a family affair. Parents of four, they are both full-time college students at Chowan College.

Because of scholarships, they are able to pursue the degrees they have always wanted. "They give us a hard

Bill and Nancy Nelson with children Ryanne, Nikki and Jorden (middle row), and Joshua (front).

time about it in class," says Nancy, "especially when we're in a class together. They kid us about getting homework done. The other students think it's really unusual that we have come back to school together."

Bill is pastor of Bethel Baptist, a rural church in Pleasant Hill.

Chowan has a special incentive program offering Baptist pastors financial assistance. Bill is pursuing a degree in religion. "I was looking for a Baptist college to attend to work on my bachelor's degree. It's lucky for me Chowan is so close," says Bill. "I never had the opportunity to go to college when I finished high school because of the financial burden on my family. I am fortunate to be receiving a scholarship to attend Chowan."

Nancy is working toward a degree in business. She admits it's tough finding time to clean house, wash clothes and do homework.

Making Dean's List at Chowan during the fall semester, she expects the same from her family. "We compete for good grades," she says. "I demand that the kids make Honor Roll and they demand it right back from me."

Having four children doesn't leave Nancy much study time alone. "I just do homework right along with them," she says. "I waited until the kids were all in school before going back myself."

The Nelson children, Ryanne, 13, Nikki, 11, Jorden, 8, and Joshua, 6, all attend schools near campus so Bill and Nancy pick them up when their own classes end, usually around 3 o'clock.

Nancy and Bill work with campus minister Kelly Brame to minister to students as much as their busy schedules allow. They would like to see more youth evangelism rallies, feeling there are many students in colleges and universities who have not made a commitment to Christ.

Growth is an every day occurrence for the Nelsons, as they increase their knowledge, their children mature and Bethel Baptist continues to expand.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

For more information about the N.C. Baptist Colleges contact:
Robert Mullinax
Christian Higher Education Council
1-800-395-5102

Maria and Melody O'Tuel grew up ingrained in the Baptist faith. The entire O'Tuel family followed the artistic talents of the twins' grandparents in Christian art, specializing in baptistry scenes. Their father, Jimmy O'Tuel was a pastor until heart surgery forced him to retire when the twins were four.

As their graduation drew near, the twins made plans to attend Campbell University, not because it was their parent's alma mater, but because they really wanted to go there.

On their 18th birthday, their father died of a heart attack. Just a few days earlier Melody remembers him telling them, "I wish I had one more year to teach you everything I know."

Maria said, "Getting an education is never easy. It turned out to be especially difficult for us. Just as we were preparing to begin our first year at Campbell, our Dad was called home to be with the Lord. A portion of our anchor was swept away and we realized for the first time that our dream of a college education was fading into the distance."

"We had to change our plans. Needing to pull our family together, we prayerfully decided that we must put aside our plans to attend Campbell in order to be with our mother," added Melody.

Four years later they are seniors at Campbell. They receive Presidential scholarships, made possible by the gifts of North Carolina Baptists. Business majors, they have been included on the President's List each semester.

But academics are only a part of what the twins gained at Campbell. According to Maria and Melody, they found "warm people who make you feel like individuals, wonderful, true blue friends."

They also discovered abundant opportunities for ministering to others. Maria led a weekly Bible study for seven friends two semesters. Both have served as counselors and are active at First Baptist, Buies Creek. A summer of Christian beach ministry taught them to share their faith and deepened their spiritual love. As a result, Maria says, "I have a desire to listen and help people."

The O'Tuel twins realize they are doubly blessed. Maria says, "The people at Campbell told us that our dream for an education was not impossible. The people at Campbell, said, 'Come on. We'll find a way.' And they did."

Maria and Melody O'tuel are students at Campbell University.

Vital Link to Missions Network

Associations are the geographical link through which state and home missions occur. Eighty associations are located in North Carolina.

Individually, each one is fueled by a fellowship of churches to keep missions running in North Carolina like a well-oiled machine.

Keith Hamilton is director of missions of the Atlantic Association, one of the most diverse associations in the state. Combining resort, military, rural and city missions, this association touches people from a variety of backgrounds.

Ministries in which churches in his association are involved include assisting a soup kitchen for the homeless, supporting a seaman's center for sailors, establishing an ocean-front church for vacationers and coordinating with chaplains at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station in Havelock.

Encompassing Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Jones and Beaufort counties, the Atlantic association is comprised of 39 churches and two missions. Hamilton hopes to add two new churches this year.

Director for six years, Hamilton, 35, is one of the youngest DOMs in the state. Born in Beaufort, he began full-time ministry at age 23 as minister of education in a Florida church. Now back in his home association, he strongly feels he is where God wants him.

"Every association is unique," he says. "My uniqueness is that I'm a hometown boy."

Hamilton sees his role as a motivator to spur churches to action. "I challenge churches to reveal their missions," he says. Accomplishing this by evaluating needs in the community, he entrusts churches to meet those needs. "The association allows me a freedom to challenge the churches creatively," he says. "I have more dreams and ideas in a day than can ever be accomplished in a year."

Many of these dreams are realized, though. "There is a vision of missions here. The association has concentrated on missions and not politics," he says. "Our greatest strength is our focus on doing missions—not just talking about missions."

He credits a strong WMU and solid local churches for the mission-mindedness. "I've discovered that if I can present a genuine need, a vast majority of the time Baptists will respond," he says. "For example, a week and a half before Christmas two families with five children were in desperate need of clothing, toys and financial support. Some didn't even have beds. The WMU sent postcards out and the response was so overwhelming we had enough to give to other families."

An ocean-front church seating 500 people began Palm Sunday, targeting vacationers to the Outer Banks. Sixteen mission teams volunteered to help this summer. "This is the largest number we've ever had," says Hamilton. "We basically have a waiting list for people wanting to come."

With so many ministries to help direct, Hamilton's day begins early, ends late and is not confined to weekdays.

A typical day begins with breakfast at McDonalds with his boys, Matthew, 8, and Mark, 10, and wife Patty—knowing he won't be home until late that night.

At the office he catches up on phone calls, then is off to deliver bags of clothes, toys and Bibles to Hope Mission, an interdenominational soup kitchen that reaches out to homeless and low-income families.

Hamilton arrives with bags of goods donated from the association. The association also assists three other food pantries with food and money.

Clyde Ball, director of Hope Mission, is glad to see Hamilton. While they talk, he expresses his concern of a need for 50 mattresses and bed springs.

Ball has a special love for the homeless, since he was at one time homeless himself. Living on and off the streets for 16 years, he was on skid row in New Orleans at 21, surviving off bottles of 50-cent wine. "Nothing worked until Jesus set me free." Seven years ago he was saved at a revival meeting. Now he strives to help street-people find work, a place to live and a church to attend.

Seaman's Center in Atlantic Association.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

To find out about your associational programs contact: your Director of Missions or Bobby Stafford, Division of Missions, 800-484-4037(9142)

From an 86-year-old woman to a four-year-old child, Hope Mission serves around 100 lunches a day. Last year they supplied 15,000 meals.

In December, they served a big Christmas dinner for 166 people.

From Hope Mission, Hamilton travels to the Seaman's Service Ministry Center in Morehead City. He brings bags of Bibles and Christian literature collected from the association's churches.

The Seaman's Center is a Christian outreach ministry to sailors coming into port from docks around the world. Their goal is to provide a home-away-from-home for thousands visiting the harbor each year.

Established in 1971, it operates under its own N.C. State Charter and board of directors. Supported by private donations, gifts from local churches and Atlantic association, the center is staffed by a corps of dedicated volunteers from surrounding churches. Lenwood Lee, director of ministry for the center, and his wife, Ernestine, manage the center together.

An inventory of Bibles in several languages is maintained for distribution among the sailors. Over the years, a collection of foreign currency has been papered on one of the center's walls by mariners from around the world.

Ladies from local churches provide homemade cookies and coffee for visiting sailors. A game-room is set up for recreation. Volunteers witness by meeting the sailors' needs—ranging from transportation to a listening ear.

"Sometimes we hear their spiritual needs—sometimes they just want to talk," says Lee. "They have a universal trade and a universal need. They need friendship. They are strangers in a foreign land."

With several denominations involved, Lee says, "It is an ecumenical ministry." Over the years, Lee estimates the center has seen 50 to 60 thousand seamen. In one year alone, three to six thousand contacts are recorded with seamen.

From the seaman's center, Hamilton will visit Cherry Point Marine Air Station and check in with the chaplains. Currently, there are two Southern Baptist chaplains on base. "Many Baptists don't stop and think that they are home missionaries," says Hamilton. "I let them know they have a friend outside the base that is praying for them and supporting them."

Together, the Marine station and Atlantic Association cooperate to help families. "If special needs arise with people in their unit they can't meet, they call us," says Hamilton. "If they have a special hunger need, through the Baptist network we can get them hunger relief funds." During the Gulf War, the association and the base worked closely to provide assistance where needed.

Today, the Commanding Chaplain of the United States Marines, Captain Larry E. Elliss, a Southern Baptist, is visiting Cherry Point Marine Air Station.

Hamilton plans to hand him a copy of a new book, "*Ministry With the Military: A Guide for Churches and Chaplains*," written by Donald Hadley, pastor, First Church of Havelock and Gerald Richards, consultant, chaplaincy and military ministry, Baptist State Convention.

Hamilton's day will end later on tonight, after a dinner meeting with the association concerning upcoming plans with the partnership North Carolina has with Poland.

Keith Hamilton with U.S. Marine Chaplain Larry E. Elliss.

SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH
World Mission Conferences

WHAT YOU CAN DO

To schedule a World Missions Conference in your association, contact: Lorena McDaris, coordinator, (919) 848–6599.

An exciting glimpse of mission work around the world can be viewed through the telescope of World Missions Conferences.

Focusing on state, home and foreign levels, missionaries share with associations the vision of reaching the lost.

Lorena McDaris coordinates the conferences across the state for the Baptist State Convention through her work with the Division of Missions.

Involving entire associations, the conference can last eight days, four days or a weekend. Each participating church hears a different missionary every night tell of what is currently happening in his or her ministry. The whole church is included, involving every age group.

The Baptist State Convention, the Brotherhood Commission, the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board coordinate to provide enough missionaries for World Mission Conferences across the United States.

Last November, North Roanoke Association held a four-day World Missions Conference. Plans for the conference began in 1988. Eloise Bass, church member at Momeyer Baptist, directed the conference. She was the driving force behind the meetings success. "The conference was a joy to work on. Its cohesiveness pulled all the churches (in the association) together. We had more unity than we've felt in a long time," she said.

Of the association's 59 churches, 40 participated.

Director of Missions J.D. Harrod feels the conference was instrumental in bonding the churches. "This has drawn our association closer together," he says. "In the past it has been fragmented with churches individually oriented. Now more churches are interested in the association."

Because the association paid travel expenses and an honoraria, smaller churches with lower budgets could afford to take part. Each church was asked to provide housing, meals and transportation.

Harrod appreciated the focus on missions and not politics. "In this time of controversy, World Mission Conferences can do as much as anything to pull us back together. The Southern Baptist Convention was formed to do missions. We need to rediscover that dream, and pull back together."

Several churches saw an increase in their mission giving. "So many times we ask the church to give to Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon," says Harrod. "[The missionaries] brought it closer in—to see they are working and using the money we give." A typical World Missions Conference includes home and foreign missionaries and state workers with the Baptist State Convention.

Fourteen professions of faith were recorded, 70 rededications and 14 volunteers for mission service work.

Eloise Bass feels churches were tremendously impacted. "For some," she says, "this was the first time they had a missionary in their church since our last conference." Young and old enjoyed the visiting missionaries. They spoke at senior adult meetings, Brotherhood meetings and GA and RA meetings. Pizza parties were held after school for youth at some churches. "The GAs and RAs got to talk one on one with the missionaries," says Bass. "They saw they are humans like we are and are willing to serve.

"I remember when Martha Alice White spoke, who works in the suburbs of Atlanta, and the things she told us about children and the hardships she has in witnessing. Adults and children just stared at her with mouths open."

Communities in the association also benefitted. Guest missionaries visited rest homes, prisons and local schools. In the schools, they were allowed only to share the culture and living conditions in the county of their work.

Bass hopes to keep this new excitement about missions alive in the association. A mission rally held the Saturday following the conference was attended by more than 700 people. Plans are being made to hold an annual World Missions rally to remind church members in North Roanoke Association of the dream to reach the world for Christ.

Eloise Bass, left and J.D. Harrod, right examine flags used in North Roanoke's World Missions Conference. The flags were made by Jean Stallings, center.

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STATE MISSIONS LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER PRESCHOOLERS

During the month of September, use the following activities to supplement your preschool missions curriculum or for any time preschoolers are at church. These will help preschoolers learn about, pray for, and give to North Carolina missions.

You, the leader, will need to prepare by reading the accompanying "State Missions News."

HOMELIVING: BAPTIST COLLEGES

Materials: textbooks, book bag, composition book, pocket calculator, desk lamp, pen, pencil

As preschooler pretends to be a student, comment: There are seven Baptist colleges in North Carolina. Some of the young people who study there get help from the money we give to the State Missions Offering. Without the money, they might not be able to go to college.

Share one of the stories in the article titled "Students Benefit from State Missions Offering." Give each child a State Missions Offering envelope (mailed to churches in August) in which to collect and return his/her offering.

ART: STATE MISSIONS PRAYER REMINDER

Provide construction paper strips 2" x 8", International Friends Stickers[1], and copies of the boxes below.

Let children select a bookmark. Guide each to glue the box with the printed statement onto the bookmark. Read the statement and allow each child to add 3 or 4 stickers. As they work, share simple statements about ministries with internationals from the article "Bridging the Language Gap" from *State Missions News*. Encourage them to pray for and give money to help children who have moved here from other countries.

[1]*Available from Baptist Book Stores.*

BOOKS

As children come to the book area, tell them that many people in North Carolina cannot read or write English. That means they cannot read books, road signs, write checks, pay bills, and lots of important things. Churches in North Carolina help people to learn to read. We can pray for them and give money to the State Missions Offering so they can continue to help people learn to read, write, and speak English.

Read *Brown Eyes, Blue Eyes*[1]. Share information from the articles "Bridging the Language Gap" and "Religious Refugees Begin Romanian Church." Say: God loves all people and churches in North Carolina are loving them, too, by helping them learn to speak, read, and write English.

PUZZLES

Secure a North Carolina road map. Cover the entire map back with glue and attach to poster board. Near the appropriate locations, glue the pictures contained in the accompanying *State Missions News*. Also, glue a cabin-shaped cut-out (like the one pictured here) near Camps Mundo Vista and Caraway in Asheboro.

Cut the floor puzzle into 10-12 pieces. As children work the puzzle, talk to them about North Carolina missions. Discuss each picture. Say: Because we give and pray, lots of people in North Carolina are helped to know about Jesus and his love for everyone.

Refer to the State Missions Offering envelope and give each child one.

International children in North Carolina learn English.
Pray for NC missions.
Give to NC missions.

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You, the leader, will need to prepare by reading the accompanying State Missions News.

Read the activity sheets and list the resources you must provide for children to complete each activity. Photocopy the activities you will provide the children.

As you present each, talk with children about the activities, the state missions study, offering, and week of prayer. Reinforce learning through conversation.

The following activities are to be photocopied for use by the children.

PUZZLES

BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS: VITAL LINK TO MISSIONS NETWORK

Your mission leader or pastor can help you fill in the blanks 1-5. Ask your leader to tell you about some of the missions work done in Atlantic Association from the article "Vital Link to Missions Network."

1. Name of your church_____
2. Name of your association_____
3. Name of your associational Director of Missions_____
4. Location/Address of associational office_____
5. Phone number of associational office_____

Now, you complete the activity—call the associational office within the next week. If several members of your group are completing this activity, you might select one member to make the phone call for your group.

6. How many churches are part of your association?_____
7. How does the association help the churches?_____
8. How is the money to do the work received? *(State Missions Offering is part of the answer).*

9. What kinds of work does your association do?

10. How can you help? Is there a clothes closet or soup kitchen or other project with which you could help?

11. Has your association held a World Missions Conference? When? Is another one scheduled? When?

(Ask your leader to describe a World Missions Conference to you, referring to article "Seeing the World Through World Missions Conferences.")

The State Missions Offering assists with associational projects.
GIVE AND PRAY – especially, during September.

ACTIVITY 2

LITERACY MISSIONS-BRIDGING THE LANGUAGE GAP

There are many people in North Carolina who cannot read or speak or write English. There are 25 conversational English classes for internationals and 20 classes for adult non-readers in churches scattered from Wilmington to Asheville.

Make a book about Jesus in simple English. Use old Sunday School quarterlies or leaflets for pictures of Jesus and events in his life.

Glue pictures to sheets of construction paper.

With markers, write simple, one-sentence captions for each picture.

Punch two holes in the pages on the left side. Thread yarn through and tie it to make booklet.

Offer the simple English Jesus booklets to one of the following:

1. a church in your association which teaches English to internationals,
2. your associational Director of Missions for use in migrant ministries,
3. a migrant health center, or
4. a doctor's office or hospital.

In addition to teaching internationals to read, churches help them to get drivers licenses or get the electricity turned on or help them with other practical things. Look at pictures which accompany the article "Bridging the Language Gap".

Write here the name of a schoolmate of yours who is of another nationality:

_____

Be a friend to him or her this year. Make a friend for Jesus.

ACTIVITY 3

WHERE IS NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS?

North Carolina missions is really all over North Carolina, in all 100 associations, all 3,800 churches. But, this activity will help you learn where 11 of the institutions supported by the State Missions Offering are located.

This outline map of North Carolina has 10 places identified. Look at the road map your leader has provided and place the names of the towns by the dots on this map.

Hendersonville—Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute
Mars Hill—Mars Hill College
Boiling Springs—Gardner-Webb College
Winston-Salem—Wake Forest University
Asheboro—Camp Mundo Vista and Camp Caraway
Wingate—Wingate College
Raleigh—Meredith College
Buies Creek—Campbell University
Murfreesboro—Chowan College
Southport—Baptist Assembly, Fort Caswell

1. Which is the Girls in Action and Acteens camp?

2. Which is the Royal Ambassador camp?

3. Which place offers summer programs like youth weeks, world missions week, youth evangelism weeks?

4. Which is a school for people who are getting ready to be pastors (or other church workers)?

5. List the 7 Baptist Colleges:

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Have you ever been to any of these places? All of them receive money from the State Missions Offering. You can help! During September, pray for these institutions and bring your state missions offering.

ACTIVITY 4

SECRET STATE MISSIONS MESSAGES

You will make puzzles to communicate state missions facts to others in your church.

Use index cards or sheets of memo or typing paper to make your puzzles. Some examples of puzzles you can create are these:

1. Rearrange the words to discover an important state missions fact. Write the correct sentence below.

goal The 1992 offering missions $1,800,000 state is North Carolina.

_____

_____

2. Draw lines between words to find an important missions message.

thelargestpercentagegoestonorthcarolinamissions

ministries.thatprovidesworkwithinternationals

blackschaplainsblinddeaf mentally

retardednewchurchesprisonersandmore.

3. Cross out the x's and then read the remaining message.

xThemxonthxofSexptemxberixsthextimexfor NxortxhCarxolixnxaBapxtistxstosxtudyx, prxayxfor,xandgxivetxostaxtemixssixonsx.

(NOTE: CA leaders who have the Missions Adventures Resources for Leaders[1] will find the item "Making Puzzles" helpful. How to Guide Children1 also has suggestions for making puzzles.)

Additional facts to use in making secret messages:

•About 10% of the State Missions Offering goes back to the 80 associations for projects, such as World Missions Conferences.

•About 8% of the State Missions Offering assists NC Baptist Men. This includes Camp Caraway, the Disaster Relief truck and Medical-Dental bus, the model agricultural missions farm, and RA sports events.

•More than 10% of the State Missions Offering goes to the seven Baptist Colleges in North Carolina.

•About 20% of the State Missions Offering assists Caswell in paying off debts and in new building.

•About 10% helps Woman's Missionary Union with Camp Mundo Vista, other CA and Acteens camps, missions partnerships, training leaders, language work, gifts and programs for women prisoners, gifts to MKs (missionary kids) and missionaries and parents of missionaries.

•About 1.5% helps Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute which prepares ministers for service in churches.

Make as many puzzles (like the examples here) as you can. Secretly, hide them around the church—in hymnals, rest rooms, hallways, bulletin boards, and elsewhere. Near the end of September, ask your leader to put an announcement in the bulletin to tell who the secret state missions messengers were.

Did you learn some facts you did not know before? Did you overhear others who discovered facts they did not know?

[1]*Available from Baptist Book Stores.*

ANSWERS FOR ACTIVITIES 3 AND 4

ACTIVITY 3

1. Which is the Girls in Action and Acteens camp?
Camp Mundo Vista
2. Which is the Royal Ambassador camp?
Camp Caraway
3. Which place offers summer programs like youth weeks, world missions week, youth evangelism weeks?
Baptist Assembly, Caswell
4. Which is a school for people who are getting ready to be pastors (or other church workers)?
Fruitland Baptist BibleInstitute
5. List the 7 Baptist Colleges:
Campbell University
Chowan College
Gardner-Webb University
Mars Hill College
Meredith College
Wake Forest University
Wingate College

ACTIVITY 4

Example 1: **The 1992 North Carolina State Missions Offering goal is $1,800,000.**

Example 2: **The largest percentage goes to North Carolina mission ministries. That provides work with internationals, blacks, chaplains, blind, deaf, mentally retarded, new churches, prisoners, and more.**

Example 3: **The month of September is the time for North Carolina Baptists to study, pray for, and give to state missions.**

•Materials for Older Preschoolers and Children were prepared by Marcia McQueen, Mission Friends/Girls in Action Consultant, Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina.

The State Missions Study Activity Guide is designed to assist you in leading a small group (15-25) of youth and adults. As you teach your class, avoid the temptation to lecture. Your job is to facilitate learning.

GOALS FOR THE STUDY:

1. To help youth and adults discover the rich variety of North Carolina Baptist State Mission efforts.
2. To help youth and adults understand they can have an active part in State Missions.

SESSION AT A GLANCE:

Step 1: Introduction Activities
Step 2: General Overview
Step 3: *State Missions News*
Step 4: Role Plays
Step 5: Small Group discussions
Step 6: Mission Commercials
Step 7: Closing - Reaching Out

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Pencils, markers, newsprint, tape
- a large map of North Carolina (available from North Carolina Travel/Tourism-Raleigh)
- one copy of each story from *State Missions News*
- name tags (in the shape of North Carolina)
- copies of "WHAT I LIKE ABOUT N.C." handout (page 8).

PREPARATION FOR THE STUDY:

1. Copy and cut out enough name tags for your group using the pattern in the Activity Guide. Make a name tag for yourself.
2. Hang a large sheet of newsprint up with the words "When I think of State Missions I think of_____" printed on it.
3. Hang a large map of North Carolina up. A road map is fine.

Acrostic

M..... Mission Conferences
I..... International Children
S..... Seminary Extension
S..... Scholarships for College Students
I..... _____ (left blank for "I")
O..... Our Associational Links
N..... New Romanian Churches
S..... State Missions

4. Hang a large sheet of newsprint with the word MISSIONS printed vertically to be used as a large group acrostic. (see bottom left).
5. Photocopy each story from the *State Missions News*. If you have adequate preparation time, it would be ideal for the stories to be handed out ahead of time for small groups to read before the study begins. Giving them out maybe a good way to advertise for your study.

The Session in Detail:

STEP 1: INTRODUCTION ACTIVITIES/ WARM UPS

Greet each person at the door and ask them to make a name tag. Then ask them to write on the newsprint their answer to fill in the blank: "When I think of State Missions I think of _____." As they continue to arrive encourage them to fill out "What I like about North Carolina" handout and share their answers with three other people.

When everyone has arrived, ask them to be seated in a large circle. Ask the students to share some of the places they like best in North Carolina.

STEP 2: GENERAL OVERVIEW

Make some opening comments about the importance of the study and how the students may be surprised to learn some of the places in North Carolina in which we have State Missions. Use the bottom "S" of the Mission Acrostic to spell out "State Missions." Review some of the things they wrote about State Missions on the newsprint and share what you normally think of when you hear the words State Missions.

STEP 3: "STATE MISSIONS NEWS"

Explain that a part of their study will be learning about many of these different types of missions. If you have had the luxury of giving out the stories prior to the study, skip down to Step 4 now. Most groups will simply need to pause here and divide the large group into small groups of 3-4 people allowing each small group time to read one of the stories. The groups can read silently, or if you have enough space, have them spread out and read out loud. There are six stories. The small group can be as small as one person. So, as long as you have six people attending the study you can cover all six stories. Cover as many of the stories as possible for variety.

STEP 4: ROLE PLAYS

After each small group has had time to read their story ask the groups to prepare a short role play, skit, or charade to present to the large group. If only one person has read the story they may choose to tell it to the large group in their own words. If you use charades, the large group can try to guess what type of State Missions work is being presented. As teacher, you need to be familiar with each story so you can help get the major points across.

After each role play or skit have a group member find the location of the ministry on the large North Carolina map.

After each role play or skit use the mission acrostic by adding the suggested words provided in the acrostic key. As teacher, you will build the acrostic by adding a word or phrase as each story is presented to sum up that story. (notice the letters may not come in order of the stories)

STEP 5: SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

After all the stories have been presented, you should have six sites identified on your large N.C. map and the acrostic finished except for the final "I". Ask the small groups to get back together and think about their specific story. Ask the following questions giving each small group time to discuss them as a small group.

1. What specific needs did your group or individuals have that N.C. Baptists are helping to meet?
2. How would life be different for the people in your story if N.C. Baptists had not been there to help?
3. What difficulties do you see for this work to continue and expand?
4. How would you feel if you were asked to be a part of a ministry like this?

After each small group has answered all four questions, ask if anyone wants to share any of their answers about their specific ministry to the large group.

STEP 6: DISCOVERING

The final activity for the small group is to brainstorm a "TV commercial" for the mission story they have read about, role played, and reflected on. Invite each small group to be creative using all of their TV knowledge to design a commercial. After a few minutes of preparation, allow each group to present their commercial to the large group.

STEP 7: CLOSING CELEBRATION

Call attention to the acrostic once again and show the students how it is incomplete. The final "I" does not have anything written beside it. This is because missions needs each one of us to be willing to say, "I will be involved."

Remind the students of the ways that each person can be involved in state missions through prayer, gifts, and active doing. If your group is an "on going" group and not just a one night study group, encourage them to think of one way the group could reach out in one of these six areas. (i.e. letters of encouragement to inmates, missionaries...looking for international need in their own community, etc.)

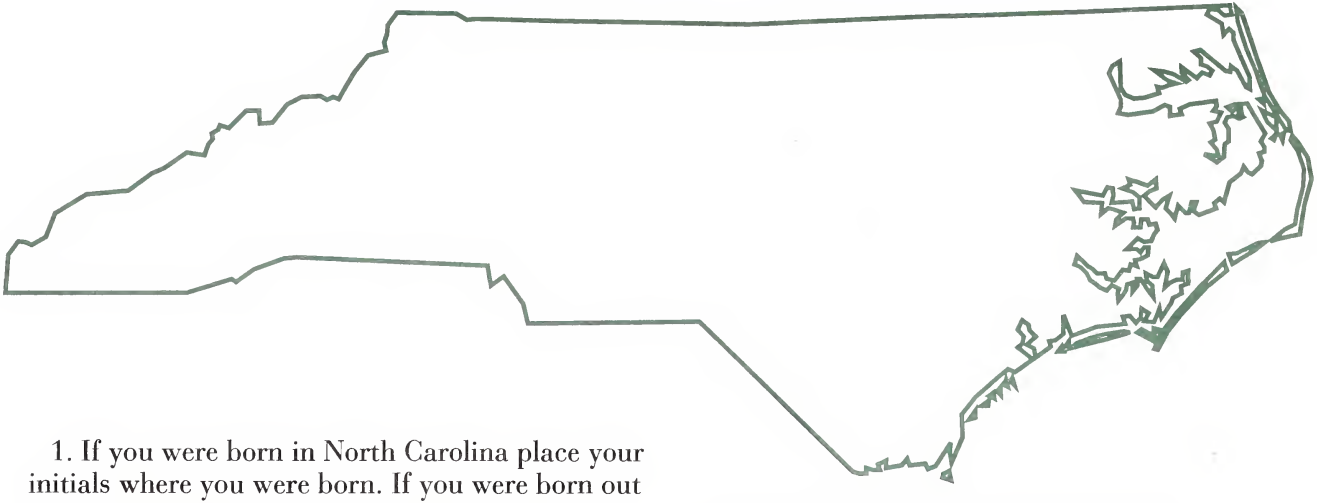
Invite each individual to come up to the N.C. map and stick on the map their name tags as a sign they are willing to be a part of State Missions. When all the name tags are up ask the students to begin a silent prayer. During the prayer ask them if State Missions is for them?....if one of the stories is the type of work they would like to be involved in?...can they pray for State Missions this week? Conclude the prayer.

Name Tag

•Materials for Youth And Adults were prepared by Thomas Hinton, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Lenoir, North Carolina.

"WHAT I LIKE ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA"

Answer the following questions by locating (with your best guess) your favorite places on the map. When you finish share your answers with at least three other people.



1. If you were born in North Carolina place your initials where you were born. If you were born out of North Carolina place your initials outside the state.

2. Place a big ! where you have lived the longest in North Carolina.

3. Draw a smiley face where you would love to go on vacation.

4. Decide which is your favorite Baptist University or College in the state. Mark it on your map where you think it's located by its name or drawing a mascot.

5. Write the word Baptist on one spot that you think North Carolina Baptists are doing mission work.

NC/NY Partnership Grows; Everhart Named New York Construction Coordinator

Every year God continues to bless us by raising up His people as volunteers just when we need them the most. In my last article I spoke of our newest venture in Homeland Missions Ministries, the partnership with the Baptist Convention of New York. We have received more than 25 requests for work in the churches across the state including everything from bathroom plumbing repairs and roof replacement to full renovations and new construction of first unit buildings.

Wayne Honeycutt traveled to New York during the month of February to see first hand what some of these projects entailed. This is a tremendous opportunity for our ministry to get involved in and to date many have already come forward and are beginning to make plans for trips to those churches throughout the next couple of years. With our current list of Homeland Projects, Wayne will be extremely busy with the execution and coordination of volunteers right here in our own state and will not be able to coordinate effectively the needs of New York. That is where our Lord has stepped in and answered our prayers of calling out a man who could have the desire, time and ability to work with the coordination of the volunteers seeking participation in the New York Projects.

We in the Homeland Ministries welcome Rex Everhart to our volunteer staff as coordinator of the New York Construction Projects. Rex's main focus will be to coordinate the pairing of volunteers in North Carolina with the needs in the New York Baptist State Convention.

Rex Everhart, with his wife Carol and children, Miranda and Moriah are members of the First Baptist Church of Clayton where he is a teacher of Senior High Youth and the Director of the Men's Brotherhood. Rex is the owner and operator of Capital Truck Salvage Inc. in Raleigh. In addition, Rex volunteers weekly with the Navigator Bible Study program at the Polk Youth Correction Facility in Raleigh and is very active in the North Carolina Baptist Men of Region 4 and across the state. He has been the Region 4 Overseas Missions Coordinator and participated in trips to Haiti, Jamaica and South Brazil. In the Homeland Missions Ministries Rex worked on the construction of the Mars Hill Chapel in Asheville and traveled to the Blackwolf Baptist Church in Skygusty, West Virginia to be on a team which did construction and community visitation.

As you can see Rex comes well qualified to assist us in the New York Partnership. Again, we welcome Rex and his family into this ministry.

New York has provided us with a list of the priority projects. If you are interested in one of these projects please contact the North Carolina Baptist Men's office for further information. You may reach them at 1–800–395–5102. The staff there will get you in contact with Rex who will assist you in whatever way he can.

Wayne Honeycutt continues to seek volunteers to work on the Homeland Projects which are going on across the state. Six projects are in progress now and many volunteers are needed. The summer is our busiest time of the year, so let us hear from you now. Wayne can be reached through the North Carolina Baptist Men's Office.

Again the challenge is great, but with the volunteers who have come forward in the past and with those who will join us for the first time this summer and the Lord as our guide many great things will be accomplished for His Glory. It is imperative that we have our prayer warriors in full force to support the efforts of the people in construction.

Listed below are the current projects with limited information about their needs.

Homeland Mission Projects, N.C.

Houck's Chapel, Hickory
In finishing stages, sheetrock, inside trim, outside trim, brick, carpets, etc. Continuing from 1991

Joy Mission, Hickory
Slab in place, behind schedule; need someone to put plywood on roof; all labor needed.

Battered Women's Home, Brunswick County, Bolivia
U. S. Hwy. 17 S. next to Baptist Associational Building. All labor needed; a non-denominational project with Baptist Men Men taking the lead; moving well.

New Faith Baptist Church, Stanley
Full basement with rooms, sanctuary above; all labor needed: masons, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, h.v. a. c. handy people. Construction in process.

Lucia Baptist Mission, Lucia
N. C. Hwy. #16, 15 miles North of Charlotte, 6 miles South of Denver. Construction beginning May 4.

First Korean Baptist Church, Raleigh
Construction beginning June, 1992.

Oakland Baptist Church, Lowell
Located off Highway #7. Construction beginning July, 1992.

If you and/or your group are interested in working on any of these projects or in obtaining additional information, please contact:

Wayne Honeycutt
NCBM Construction Coordinator
704/922-7050

If he is not at home, leave your name and telephone number on his answering machine, and he will return your call.

Ernie Grigsby
State Coordinator Homeland Missions
422 East Third Street
Ayden, NC 28313

Disaster Relief
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team of 12 (all team positions filled) must be pre-registered to make this effort worthwhile. Our training team is willing to come if the training can qualify a full-team for service, otherwise, our annual training event at Caraway will be the means by which a team can function in a region.

God bless, always, our willingness to help those who face disaster and its aftermath.

Richard Crapps
State Coordinator Disaster Relief
2401 Memorial Drive
Greenville, NC 27834

Dentists from Durham & Alaska Go To Thailand

Two dentists have joined the Dental Evangelistic project in Nan, Thailand, a program related to the Foreign Mission Board. After much prayer, Jack and Rita Evans, Dr. Ryle and Marilyn Racke (Dentist from Alaska), Dr. Ed and Ann Kanoy (Dentist from Durham) answered this plea and arrived in Thailand as "vessels" for the Lord.

The job description read as follows:

Each of these people will be a member of a partnership evangelism team. The objective of the team is to enhance the missionary's and churches' evangelistic outreach through dentistry. They work in a rural mountainous region in North Thailand. They will be expected to treat the people in the area who have extensive dental problems. They will share their personal testimonies and their everyday life experiences to help provide a Christian role model for the people living in the area. They will also be asked to lead in worship services and Bible studies during evening times and Sundays.

The following article was written by Dr. Ed Kanoy:

The team, with the career missionaries as our interpreters, leaders and spiritual support, stayed in a national missionary's home in the mountains. We saw patients there in the home and could work on into the evenings with Dr. Radke's portable dental unit since there was electricity in the home. From this 'base' location we went by land rover vehicles to other villages of different tribes, not Thai. Among the tribes we had to have two interpreters to communicate with the patients. At one village there was only one Christian a year ago. We were told as we arrived in the village, that by God's grace through faith in Jesus there are now 28. Although we could not speak their language, there was a conviction that through dentistry there was an expression of Christian love and a means of witness in order that the people might be brought to the knowledge of God and Savior through Jesus Christ.

On Sunday morning, with an interpreter, Jack preached in Lampang Baptist Church; Sunday evening we shared our testimonies with the congregation in English. On a weekday, it was especially meaningful to have an opportunity to go to a new secular college English class, being taught by the pastor at Lampang. A question and answer period provided practice for their English, but in doing so we could share Christ with them.

As we joyfully evaluate this evangelistic project we have a better mission insight on many matters, but especially on 'Real Life' prayer. In one of the villages, a young lad really summed it all up, when he was asked by Dr. Ronald Hill, one of the missionaries, if he had come to see the dentist. He replied, "No, the dentist has come to see me". How I thank my Lord and Savior for having had the opportunity to be a vessel for His redemptive purpose.

Overseas Volunteer Personnel Needed

Eku, Nigeria — OB/GYN for 1–4 months, June 27 — missionary medical leave

Eku, Nigeria — pediatrician — 1–24 months — missionary furlough

Tanzania — outpatient physician — 2–6 weeks, April 24; 2 weeks, July 24

Iraq-Kurdish refugees — physician (minimum 3 weeks) — April-May, July onward

St. Martin — physician, dentist, ophthalmologist — 2 weeks, September

Ghana — general practitioner and surgeon — July 4 — mission meeting

Ogbomosho, Nigeria — surgeon — July 13–26 — mission meeting

Pakistan — Dental Trainers for basic rural dental workers

Pakistan — Health and Community Development Survey

For a complete updated list of volunteer medical and dental needs, please contact Mrs. Milton Michalec at 804–353–0151 or 1–800–999-2889, ext. 575.

Medical Missions Conference Met

The annual joint meeting of the North Carolina Medical-Dental Fellowship and the North Carolina Baptist Nursing Fellowship was held at Caraway Conference Center, Feb. 14–15, 1992.

Special guests included missionaries Roger and Vicki Grossman, Guatemala; Betsy Herman, Ecuador; Judy Lawrence, Thailand; Martha McAlister, Zimbabwe; Grady and Barbara Nowell, Honduras; and Cindy Howard, MD, Nigeria.

Members sharing their volunteer mission trips this past year included Martha Robinson, RN, who spoke on her trip to Iraq, Rollin Burhams, MD, to Poland; and Ed Kanoy, DDS, to Thailand.

Dale Steele, pastor of Penelope Church, Hickory led the Bible Study.

The next national meeting of the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship will be held November 12–15, 1992 at The Peabody Hotel in Memphis.

Herbert C. Davis, Jr, DDS
242 North Talbert Boulevard
Lexington, NC 27292

Volunteers Needed For Medical Bus

During 1991, the Medical/Dental Bus operated 75 working days, involving 77 volunteer physicians, 79 dentists, 213 nurses, and 543 laypersons.

Since 1989, John and Betty Sally of Raleigh have served as the drivers and "caretakers" of the bus. They have now served two and one-half years on a one year assignment. Help is desperately needed to relieve them of some of this responsibility. Anyone interested in learning to drive and operate the bus should contact the Baptist Men's office.

Truck Stop & Rest Stop Ministries Continue To Grow in N.C.

I would like to share with you two items that recently came to my attention.

One is excerpts from an article in the Statesville paper concerning Wes Lytton and Truck Stop Ministry.

Next is a letter received concerning appreciation for the rest stop ministry.

If you have an interest in these type ministries, please let us know.

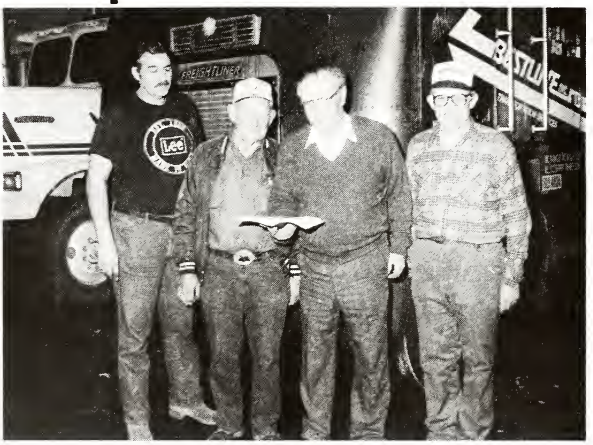
Wes Lytton passes on his faith to the community not only by word, but by deed. He has traveled the state, the country, and to foreign lands to help others. Wes also conducts a truck ministry at Homer's Truck Stop on Stamey Farm Road. He gives two services, one at 11 AM and again at 5 PM, for truck drivers and others who stop in.

Though time consuming, Wes said he really enjoys going to Homer's. At times he gets discouraged when there are not many in attendance but commented that the people who work there really keep him going.

"It takes a lot of time," Wes said. "And it's scary at times—there are so many different faiths." But every Sunday, he gets on the citizen's band (CB) radio to invite truckers to church at Homer's.

Many times, his work there entails more than conducting services. He often spends time just listening to someone who needs to talk.

He and several of the Baptist Men have been working in the prison system, going to visit the jail on Saturday and Sunday. He has also worked with the homeless, all of which he enjoys.



Wes Lytton (second from right) with truck drivers

Wes has wanted to start an automotive ministry, in which volunteers ride the interstate highways to provide help for stranded motorists. He said he tries to start programs to help people and get different churches in the area to become involved. "I just do whatever I can do—whatever I can get people to do," he said.

Wes was born in Long Island in Catawba County. He and Patsy, who is a Sunday School teacher and teaches English as a second language, have three children, David, Tina, and Cindy, as well as four grandchildren. Self-employed for 30 years, he owns and operates Wes Lytton Construction Company.

December 6, 1991

I must recognize one of the most delightful experiences I had while traveling through your beautiful state of North Carolina in October of this year.

What a surprise it was at a rest stop being served a cold drink by genuine friendly people and given a copy of the New Testament.

Please accept this small gift for whatever cause you may choose. This is such a beautiful time of year when we need to share so many of our blessings.

A $25 contribution was sent with this note.

Jim Burchette
State Resort and Recreation Ministries
4704 Waterbury Road
Raleigh, NC 27604

Softball Tournament Held In August

The 1992 North Carolina Baptist Men's softball tournament is set for this August. This fun-filled yet competitive softball tournament involves Baptist Men's groups from all over North Carolina. Last year, 45 teams representing 23 associations participated. It is hoped that this year will be even bigger.

Two teams from an association may enter the tournament provided they meet the eligibility requirements in the rules. Approval to represent an association must come from the Associational Brotherhood Director and Director of Missions. Interested persons should contact these people to find out how teams will be chosen from that particular association.

The East Regional will be played in Fayetteville while the West Regional will be played in Hickory on August 21–22. The top four teams in each region will advance to the state finals in Greensboro the next weekend. The entry fee is $100 per team for the regionals and $50 for the finals. For more information or rules questions, call Kendell Cameron at N.C. Baptist Men at 1–800–395–5102.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

Volunteers DO Make A Difference!

Can volunteers really make a difference? Last year the work of volunteers saved the Home Mission Board over $44 million, by assisting and leading in many mission projects. Many of which would not have been possible without volunteer efforts.

Our Brotherhood goal is to involve men and boys in missions. As a reader of "Men in Missions" paper, you are probably seeking ways and special mission ideas for your church to get involved in.

Our state is more than blessed in mission opportunities for men and boys, through the 13 different mission ministries of NCBM. Various projects are already going on and need your men and boys help. Through our Homeland Mission Projects, we are presently building five new church buildings in the Region 8 area. Several other construction projects are due to start this summer.

Our overseas partnership projects in Brazil and Poland have places for volunteers from your church. There is probably some one who would go from your church if the others would help sponsor and send them.

Both our home and foreign mission boards compile and publish updated volunteer needs list, which list numerous request for short term and long term volunteers. Many of the request are for working along side of career missionaries, others will need volunteers to begin new work. Some areas will have some lodging and financial help, while other requests will require volunteers to cover all needs.

If you or if you know someone who may like to know more about these volunteer opportunities, please call the respective mission board and have your names added to the needs list mailings.

The phone numbers are: Home Mission Board at 1–800–426–8657 and Foreign Mission Board at 1–800–999–3113. Ask for the "volunteer department."

Our state convention also has a state volunteer promotion committee which has been trained by the missions boards for the purpose of promoting these volunteer opportunities to churches and associations. If you would like to have a volunteer program at any church or associational meeting, all you need to do is let any member of this committee know, or contact the Baptist Men's office at 1–800–395–5102.

Bob and Phyllis Foy
State Volunteer Coordinators
Route 9 Box 217
Mooresville, NC 28115

ROYAL AMBASSADOR NEWS

Statewide Lad, Crusader RA Counselors Training Announced

Baptist Men will sponsor a new type of Lad (grades 1–3) and Crusader (grades 4–6) Counselor Training retreat, Camp Caraway, Oct. 2–3. This training will involve a real chapter meeting by the Glenn Graves Lad Chapter of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby. After this chapter meeting, the training will include a breakdown and evaluation of this meeting.

The following items will be covered: Meaningful Chapter Meetings, Advancement, Mission Activities, and Interest Activities, Good Teaching Techniques, Effective Planning, Characteristics of Lads and Crusaders, and RA Ceremonies.

The cost for this workshop will be $25 per person. This includes all meals, lodging at the boy's camp, and program costs. You will need to send the entire $25 per person to register. Please make checks payable to N.C. Baptist Men. The conference will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday with supper and run through lunch on Saturday.

You must bring your own sheets, towels, and blanket or sleeping bag. If you have any questions, please call N.C. Baptist Men at 1–800–395–5102.

Return form and check (payable to N.C. Baptist Men) to: N.C. Baptist Men, P. O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

Statewide Lad, Crusader RA Counselors Training
Oct. 2–3,1992/Camp Caraway

Enclose $25 per person to reserve your space

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Church/Association _____

Phone _____

HSBYM Overseas Mission Project Applications Available

Every year over the Christmas holidays, the North Carolina Baptist Men conducts an overseas mission trip for High School Baptist Young Men (HSBYM). The location for this year's trip will be Jamaica. The dates will be December 27–January 4. The cost will depend on where we go, but the cost will be approximately $800 per person.

If you are interested in being a part of the HSBYM Overseas Mission trip, please contact N.C. Baptist Men to request an application.

Wake Forest vs. Clemson Football Game Is October 31

"Church Day" is being sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men and the Athletic Department of Wake Forest University. The day begins with a program at approximately 10:30 a.m., followed by a box lunch and then the game, which begins at 1 p.m.. Feel free to invite any person to join your group for this special day.

Baptist Men will have 3,000 tickets available for seating in the stands. These 3,000 tickets will be on a first come first serve basis. Additional tickets will be available but these tickets will only be good for seating on the grass bank. For tickets (which include lunch, program, and the ball game) send $9 per person plus a $3.00 handling fee per order. Tickets will be mailed to you approximately one month prior to date of the game. (Once an order has been received, there will be no refunds.) Ticket order form — Wake Forest University vs Clemson (Make check payable to and mail to: N.C. Baptist Men, P O Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

Name _____

Address _____

Day phone _____

Church _____

Number of tickets _____

Cost at $9 per ticket _____

Handling fee per order $3.00

Total amount due _____

Spaces Available At Caraway

There are still spaces available for boys of all ages at Camp Caraway. Boys ages 9–17 can come to the seven full weeks of camp offered throughout the summer.

Camp Caraway, the state RA camp, is opening for its 30th year of camping. Over 40 thousand boys have experienced a week of meaningful activities at Caraway. These activities include air rifles, archery, Bible studies, canoeing, mission studies, and swimming.

The cost is $85. Fill out the registration form and return it as soon as possible to insure that your boys will get to enjoy a week at camp. If there are boys that you know who need a week at camp, please encourage them to attend. For more information, write N.C. Baptist Men's Department, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107.

Local Church Brotherhood Training

August 14–15
Caraway Conference Center
Asheboro, N.C.

Conferences will include:
- Lad and Crusaders
- Pioneer/RA's
- High School Baptist Young Men
- Baptist Men
- Specialist Training

Begins 5:30 p.m., Friday, ends noon Saturday

Total cost: $35 per person (2 per room)

Includes program fees, lodging and three meals

Please send your check payable to N.C. Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

CHA Began June 14

Once again this summer, North Carolina Baptist Men are sponsoring six weeks of Christian High Adventure for men ages 14 1/2 and up. This exciting program allows young men to go on a week-long backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail. On this trip, they will learn about trip planning, hiking, trail safety, clothing and equipment, and trail cooking. The week also includes a limited, well supervised amount of rock climbing and repelling.

While these skills are essential to the week, the goal of CHA is more than just teaching backpacking skills. The goal of the week is for young men to closely examine their walk with God and really work to create a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. By working one-on-one with the CHA staff and the other participants, each participant will learn about his unique gifts and how they can be used for the kingdom of God. The challenge and adventure of the week will create a platform to talk about the challenges and adventures of the Christ-life in a real and profound way.

The cost for the trip is $105. This fee includes transportation from Camp Caraway to the trail and back, all food supplies, instruction, insurance, and all needed equipment. The participant only needs to provide hiking boots and clothing. For more information, write N.C. Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107.

'Mars Hill College Day' Set Oct. 24.

Mars Hill College Day will be held October 24, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a guided tour of the campus. At 11:00 a.m. there will be a program of worship focusing on missions. A bag lunch will be served at 12:00. Organized games will begin at 1:00 and at 2:00 p.m. Mars Hill will engage Presbyterian College in a football game. This should be an inspirational and fun-filled day for all. Tickets are $5.50 per person which includes lunch and the game.

For more information contact Paula Dempsey, Mars Hill College, 704–689–1141. For tickets send check ($5.50 per person) payable to Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC 28754.

New Royal Ambassador T-shirts Available

A new, attractive, top quality Royal Ambassador t-shirt is now available through the N.C. Baptist Men's office. The cost is $4.50 per shirt (no additional shipping or handling charges).

Please use the order form below to place your order for your church. All sizes are available at this time.

Detach form and return your check payable to:

N.C. Baptist Men
P.O. Box 1107
Cary, NC 27512–1107

Size	Quantity	Total
Boys – (14-16)	_____ @ $4.50 per shirt	$ _____
Adult – Small	_____ @ $4.50 per shirt	_____
Medium	_____ @ $4.50 per shirt	_____
Large	_____ @ $4.50 per shirt	_____
X–Large	_____ @ $4.50 per shirt	_____
	Order total	$ _____

Name _____

Address (UPS delivery) _____

City _____ N.C. _____ Zip _____

Day Phone ( ) _____

Church _____

What does the following equal?

5-pounds flour
5-pounds sugar
5-pounds pasta
5-pounds rice
5-pounds canned meat
5-pounds powdered milk
2-pounds cooking oil
1-pound dehydrated soups
1-pound chocolate bars
1-pound tea
+ 1-pound dehydrated fruit juice

A Project Brotherhood food box

In the former Soviet Union, one out of every five children in orphanages are there because their family can't feed them. Help relieve the shortage of affordable food. For about $40, you can purchase 36 pounds of food for a family in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Your food gift, lg with $50 per box to caver the cost of distribution, will feed a family of four for a month.

For detailed information about the Project Brotherhood food box project, call your state Brotherhood director or the Project Brotherhood Information Center (901) 272–2461 or (901) 278–7839

Initiated by the Baptist World Alliance and coordinated by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Project Brotherhood is a response by NOrth American Baptists to food and medcial needs in the CIS.

Pioneer RA, HSBYM Officers/Leaders Training Conference Set October 3–4

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, October 3–4, a very important training session will be held at Camp Caraway for all Pioneer officers, Pioneer counselors, HSBYM officers and HSBYM advisors.

The main purpose of this training session is to strengthen Pioneer chapters and HSBYM units by providing officers and adult leaders with a thorough understanding of their responsibilities and ideas on what makes a good program great.

There will also be time for recreation, inspiration and yearly planning.

The following sessions will be part of this training: officers and leaders responsibilities, advancement/ personal development,

conducting good meetings, Good missions projects, good planning ideas, and the ropes course/repelling tower.

A three-on-three basketball tournament will also be part of the weekend.

Cost for the training will be $25 per person, which includes lodging for Saturday night at the boys camp (bring your own sheets and towels), all meals and program costs.

The conference will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday and conclude with lunch on Sunday.

If you have any questions call us at 1–800–395–5102.

To register mail form and check (payable to NCBM) to N.C. Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

Pioneer/HSBYM Officers and Leaders Training Conference

Enclosed is a check $ ($25/person) to pay for the program, meals, and lodging for (number of people) who will be attending from our church.

Name_____

Address _____

City/State/Zip_____

Church/Association _____

Phone _____

Adult Campcraft Training To Be Held in September, October

Adult Campcraft Training is for all Royal Ambassador counselors and High School Baptist Young Men advisors. This training will equip counselors to teach and lead successful, safe, and meaningful camping experiences. There are three levels of instructions: Basic, Advanced, and Instructor.

All three levels involve learning and teaching 12 camping skill areas. The training sessions will be held September 18-20, and October 23–25 at Camp Caraway. The cost is $30 per person. All participants must provide their own tent and sleeping bag.

Sessions will begin at 6:00 on Friday and conclude at 1:00 PM on Sunday.

Please make your check payable to NC Baptist Men, complete and detach the form, and mail to:

N.C. Baptist Men
P O Box 1107
Cary, NC 27512–1107

Adult Campcraft Registration

Name_____

Address _____

City, State, Zip_____

Day phone_____

Church/Association _____

persons _____ @ $30 = $_____ enclosed

Weekend attending: ❑ September 18–20 ❑ October 23–25

Pioneer RA & HSBYM Basketball Tournament Reports

On March 6–7, the annual Pioneer RA/HSBYM basketball tournament was held at Southwestern Randolph Middle School and High School. This tournament included 18 teams representing eight different associations.

To enter this tournament, each team had to make an extensive scrapbook of their work. Every team in the tournament proved themselves to be missions minded youth as well as quality basketball players. For many associations, basketball proved to be a wonderful interest tool to bring young men into missions action and education.

In the Pioneer competition, Hayes Barton Church from the Raleigh Association defeated Pine Level Church from the Johnston Association for the state championship. Porter Swamp Church from the Columbus Association was the consolation winner. In the HSBYM category, Pilot Church from the Tar River Association defeated Elizabeth Church from the Kings Mountain Association. One of the teams from Fist Church, Cary won the consolation bracket.

The 1993 tournament is scheduled on March 5–6, 1993. For more information, write N.C. Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107.

N.C. Baptist Men's Convention

January 15–17, 1993

Forest Hill Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.

"Serving God...At Home and Around the World"

This meeting will be an excellent opportunity to challenge the men and women of your church to a greater awareness of and involvement in missions. Mark this date on your calendar and plan now to attend. There will be more information in the next edition of MEN IN MISSIONS.

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